

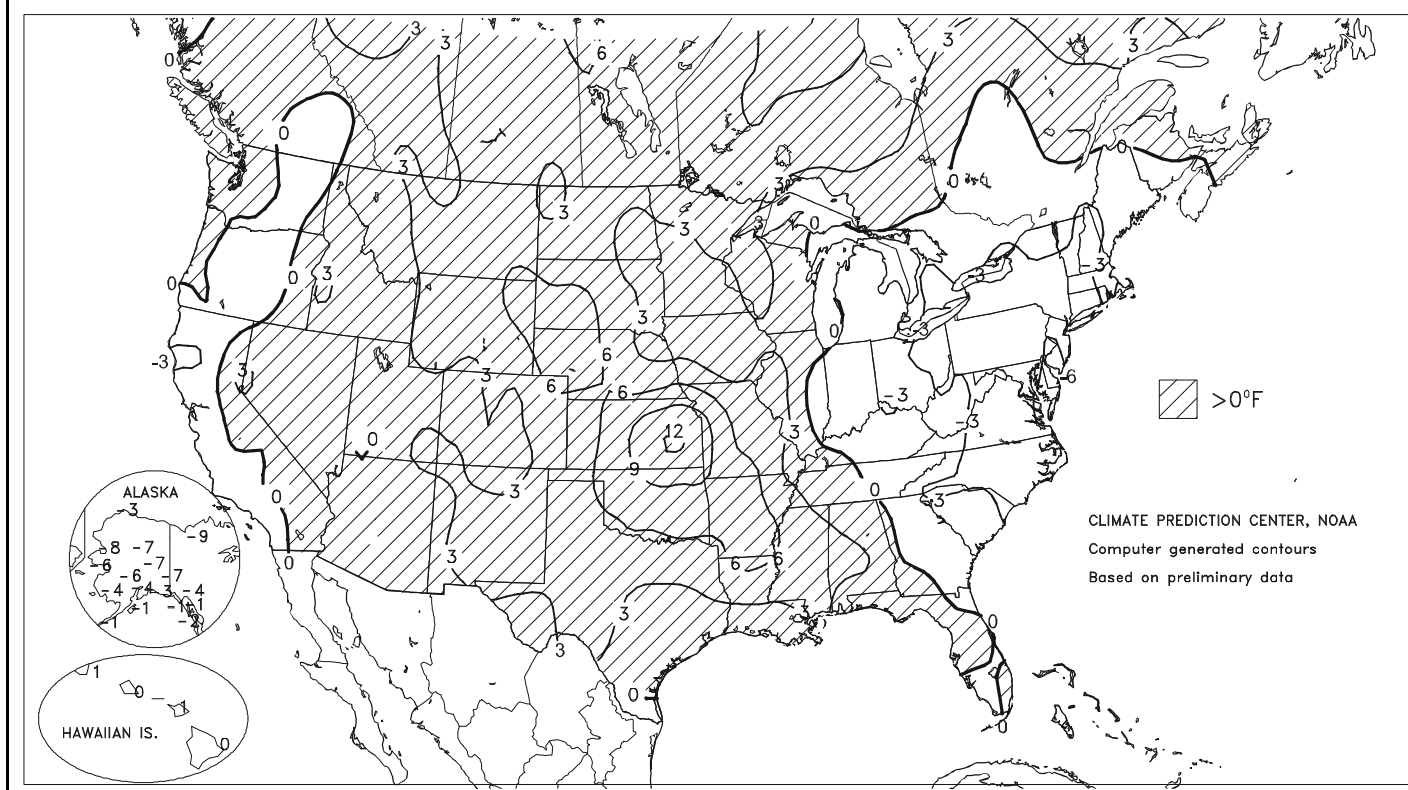
WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP BULLETIN

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Departure of Average Temperature from Normal (°F)

AUG 20 - 26, 2000



HIGHLIGHTS

August 20 - 26, 2000

Highlights provided by USDA/WAOB

Hot weather intensified on the **central Plains** and persisted elsewhere on the **Plains** and across much of the **South**, severely stressing pastures and immature summer crops, including cotton, soybeans, and sorghum. Weekly temperatures ranged from 9 to 13°F above normal in **eastern Kansas** and averaged at least 2°F above normal in most locations from the **Intermountain West** to the **Mississippi River**. Extreme maximum temperatures again exceeded 105°F as far north as **Kansas**. In contrast, weekly readings averaged as much as 3°F below normal in **California's Sacramento Valley** and as much as 7°F

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